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Rihanna's borrowed bling brings brouhaha

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Three in hospital after robberies

MUGGINGS Police were busy early yesterday dealing with two muggings.

The first happened at 12:39 a.m. on Brunswick Street as police say a man and a woman were robbed by a group of three people, one of which indicated they had a gun. The male victim was punched in the face and the female victim had cash stolen.

The three suspects — two men and one woman — were later found and charged with robbery.

Forty minutes later, police say two male suspects robbed a group of four people on Main Street in Dartmouth, sending three to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect struck three victims with an undisclosed object and robbed everyone of their money and cellphones. The suspects are described as white and about 19 years of age.

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Hollywood on edge over leak

Swine flu hits province

Four King's-Edgehill students diagnosed with mild form of potentially deadly disease

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax

Four cases of swine flu have been confirmed at a Nova Scotia school, among the first instances of the potentially deadly disease reported in Canada.

"It is a cluster of flu that we've been following at King's-Edgehill school," Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief public health officer, said yesterday. "There is no reason for the Windsor community or Nova Scotians to be overly concerned."

Students returning from an early-April school trip to Mexico became mildly ill, but did not report it. Two of the four currently ill students, aged 12 to 18, were said to be in Mexico, but likely contracted swine flu upon returning to Canada.

"One of the challenges with this illness is that it has been so mild, many of the students can't tell us for certain if they were sick," said Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed, Capital Health medical officer. About 25 students and staff have been sick, but most are better and the rest are recovering. None have been hospitalized, but many are under quarantine for a seven-day period.

"We have to remember that all the people we're seeing with swine flu in the United States and Canada are mildly ill," Strang added. Mexico's health minister has confirmed 103 deaths from the virus.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions and we need to take it seriously."

Dr. Robert Strang

British Columbia announced two mild cases of the flu yesterday.

"In Canada and the United States, it's demonstrating only mild illness, but because it's a new strain, there are a lot of unanswered questions and we need to take it seriously," Strang said. "If people have a travel history to an affected area and they are sick, they should stay at home and phone their doctor."

King's-Edgehill headmaster, Joe Seagram, told reporters classes will continue as usual, but activities on campus will be curtailed.



Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief public health officer, speaks to reporters at a press conference yesterday announcing four cases of swine flu in Nova Scotia. A Capital Health official said the confirmed cases are mild and most are either healthy or recovering.

Fears of pandemic as disease spreads

SPREADING Fears of a global swine flu pandemic grew with new infections in the United States and Canada yesterday, and millions of Mexicans hid indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed 103 people.

While the only deaths have been in Mexico, the flu is spreading, with 20 cases in the United States and six in Canada, and possible cases as far afield as Europe, Israel and New Zealand.

Offering a glimmer of hope in Mexico, President Felipe Calderon said

most of the roughly 1,300 people in the country suspected of having the fatal flu have been given a clean bill of health.

The United States declared a public health emergency and a top official at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, said she feared there would be deaths in the United States as the new strain of flu spreads.

The Mexican capital, one of the world's biggest cities, slowed to a snail's pace as millions of residents stayed at home,

fearing infection.

"This is the first time I've left the house in two days. I had to get some air," said Juan Casiano, a 39-year-old office worker, walking briskly through a city park.

The Roman Catholic faithful listened to mass on the radio rather than go to church, professional soccer games were played in empty stadiums and weekend cyclists stayed off the road in a lockdown of a normally chaotic city of roughly 20 million people.

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\$100K pegged for SPCA

The province is giving \$100,000 to the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to help with new legislation. The Animal Protection Act, passed in November 2008, designates the SPCA as responsible for the enforcement of the companion animal portion of the act. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Halifax first stop for Il Divo

Tickets are still available to see international stars Il Divo, left, perform at the Halifax Metro Centre tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Il Divo is touring across North America for three months, with Halifax the first stop. Tickets for the show, titled *An Evening with Il Divo*, range in price from \$65 to \$135.

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Another attempt on Melvin's life

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Jimmy Melvin Jr. was shot again Friday night, the second attempt on his life in four months.

Police initially confirmed to a Halifax media outlet that the 27-year-old man who turned up at the QEII Health Sciences Cen-

tre at 9:35 p.m. Friday was Melvin Jr., a key player in a notorious Halifax crime family, but backpedalled yesterday.

"There was an error made on our part in confirming the identity of the victim," said Staff Sgt. James Butler, noting police policy on not naming victims. "I'm not suggesting mistakes haven't been

made."

Capital Health spokeswoman Susan MacLeod said yesterday the QEII emergency room was locked down for a couple of hours Friday night as a precaution after the shooting victim Jimmy Melvin



Jimmy Melvin

dealing with two incidents: officers reporting hearing several shots behind the Dartmouth Shopping Centre on Friday night, and a man turning up at hospital with gunshot wounds 24 minutes later.

"A call was received from QEII hospital

and they had a 27-year-old male who arrived with a gunshot wound to his upper body," Butler said.

The man shot was in serious but stable condition and is recovering after surgery. "The victim is not cooperating with police at this time."

Police are still hoping to interview Melvin and the investigation continues.

Affordable, informal take on justice

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REPORT Saint Mary's University researchers are giving high marks to the effectiveness of the Nova Scotia Small Claims Court.

A report titled *Evaluations of the Nova Scotia Small Claims Court* released last week examined the effectiveness of the court at meeting its basic objective of providing quick, informal and affordable access to justice.

It found through interviews with staff and litigant surveys the court is performing "remarkably well" in this area, but said more work is needed on the enforcement of judgments.

The report is recommending lawmakers consider "policy and administrative changes to improve enforcement." It suggests more research is required to "help evaluate the impact of recent legislative changes, particularly the shift to a \$25,000 ceiling on allowable claims, and the increase in allowable claims for general damages from \$100 to \$2,500."

"We're hopeful this report will be of use to policy makers as they consider the current operation and future direction of the Nova Scotia Small Claims Court," said Dr. Marc W. Patry, a psychology professor at Saint Mary's and lead researcher to the study.

The study which took two and a half years to complete was supported by the Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission and the Saint Mary's University Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Teen charged with assaulting officer

CRIME A Dartmouth teen got a face full of pepper spray along with multiple charges after an officer was punched, police report.

At 2:45 p.m. a community response officer was called to deal with complaints about youths loitering after school on Prince Arthur Avenue. He was attempting to move some of the youths along when police said one of them punched the officer in the head.

A subsequent struggle ensued, police say, during which the officer used his pepper spray.

The officer was able to gain control and custody of the youth.

The 15-year-old was to be released from custody, facing charges of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

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News in brief

SHOOTING Police have arrested two men in relation to an afternoon shooting last week. The RCMP says shots were fired at a home on Sackville Drive at about 2:30 p.m. Friday. Witnesses saw a blue vehicle leaving the scene and short time later officers pulled over a blue Mitsubishi on Sackville Drive. Two men were arrested.

ROBBERY Robbers made off with cash, cigarettes and lotto tickets after waving a butcher knife around a Waverley Road store. Halifax police say two men entered Waverley Convenience Store at about 9:40 p.m. Thursday night and demanded cash. There were no injuries as a result of the incident. The suspects are described as two white males, five-foot-10 and five-foot-seven, one wearing a grey hoodie, one wearing a black hoodie, both wearing blue jeans and one having a short blond brush cut.

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A man holds the Lithuanian flag as he welcomes the yacht Ambersail to Halifax yesterday. The Ambersail is sailing around the world to mark Lithuania's 1,000th anniversary.

A celebration 1,000 years in the making

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

HALIFAX HARBOUR Lithuania brought its millennial party to Halifax yesterday as the goodwill ship Ambersail docked as part of its global tour celebrating the Baltic Sea country's 1,000th birthday.

The yacht sailed in under hot blue skies to a waiting crowd of dozens, including the Lithuanian ambassador, provincial MLA Barry Barnett and HRM Mayor Peter Kelly. Canada is home to 47,000 Lithuanians, of which ap-

"The things that our country and all the people went through to be where we are today ... it's very exciting for me — I just want to cry."

Vaiva Galiniene

proximately 10 live in Halifax.

Most of those are Vaiva Galiniene, her husband, Erland, and their daughters, all on hand to meet the Ambersail. Galiniene moved to Canada 15 years ago and has seen great changes in her homeland.

"The history, it just makes us so proud," she

said. "The things that our country and all the people went through to be where we are today ... it's very exciting for me — I just want to cry."

Lithuanian ambassador Ginte Damusis greeted the Ambersail's crew, who had sailed up from Florida. The nine-month trip will eventually range from Argenti-

na to New Zealand.

Damusis said the first recorded mention of Lithuania came in 1009. "On the threshold of its millennium, Lithuania re-established its independence," she said, noting Lithuania was the first country to leave the USSR in 1990 and became a member of the European Union and NATO in 2004.

"We're working side-by-side with Canada at NATO. Canada is home to many Lithuanians who found refuge here as they fled their country against their will after the (Second World War)," she said.

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What's online today.

Video Health officials caution Canadians to not dismiss the threat of swine flu at metronews.ca/canada

Lotteries

Friday, April 17: Lotto Super 7: 5, 6, 17, 21, 33, 40 & 41. Bonus 1. Saturday, April 18: Lotto 6/49: 1, 11, 17, 29, 31 & 46. Bonus 35. These results are not official.

The province announced Saturday it will be investing an additional \$2 million in a new recreation centre planned for the Annapolis Valley. The \$17-million Kings Mutual Century Centre in Berwick has now received \$4 million from the provincial government, with another \$2-million investment made in 2007. **METRO HALIFAX**

Detention continues for African stowaways

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Seven North African stowaways were taken into custody at the Halifax dockyard late last week.

Staff on a container ship from Antwerp, Belgium, discovered two of the stowaways while they were crossing the Atlantic. A

subsequent search led to the other five being found.

The ship arrived Thursday evening and the seven men, described as being in their 20s and 30s, are now being held in the Burnside Correctional Centre.

"By 48 hours if they're being detained they have to be presented to the Immigration Refugee Board to determine if we can de-

"The options are either they can make a refugee claim or they can be removed from Canada."

Jennifer Morrison, Canada Border Services

tain them further," said Canada Border Services Agency spokeswoman Jennifer Morrison.

"The options are either they can make a refugee

claim or they can be removed from Canada."

One of the men has reportedly said he wants to make a refugee claim. The CBSA spent most of Friday

questioning the men and is investigating whether they pose any threat to Canadians. Morrison said the investigation could take some time.

The men did not have documents on them and border officials need to check things like criminal records and any health issues.

As long as they are being

held the men must appear before the Immigration Refugee Board after 48 hours, seven days and 30 days. As the men began their detention right before a weekend, their board hearing will likely appear today.

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Immigration legal tangle settled

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Nova Scotia settled an expensive legal tangle over the scandal-hit immigration program last week, with the province keeping \$7.5 million in interest and the Cornwallis Financial Corporation pocketing \$1 million.

The out-of-court deal will come from fees paid

by applicants to the province's nominee program, in which immigrants hand over \$130,000 to be fast-tracked to work in the province.

Applicants were supposed to get paid \$20,000 for six months of middle management work, but many ended up in menial, unrelated jobs. It started in 2002, with the John Hamm government giving Cornwallis the untendered con-

tract. The government took over in 2006, sparking lawsuits from Cornwallis.

"This outcome is very positive for the province, as we can now concentrate fully on attracting and supporting immigrants in Nova Scotia," said Immigration Minister Len Goucher.

All of the money comes from fees paid into the program, not from tax money.

First of its kind camp receives provincial funding

CAMP Children with chronic illnesses will soon have a place to play, learn and grow thanks to an investment of \$1.65 million from the province.

Brigadoon Children's Camp, a not-for-profit camp being built for children with chronic illnesses, will offer a range of outdoor camping activities.

The camp will offer children the opportunity to meet others experiencing

1.65

The amount in millions of dollars the province invested in Brigadoon Children's Camp.

similar health challenges.

Premier Rodney MacDonald said Brigadoon will be an invaluable resource for children facing chronic illness and their families.

Brigadoon will be the first facility of its kind in Atlantic Canada. When complete, it will host about 1,000 youth and students each summer.

The not-for-profit Brigadoon Children's Camp Society will receive the funds to help build Brigadoon Village, a camp for chronically ill children at Aylesford Lake in Kings County.

The cost of the project is \$5 million. **METRO HALIFAX**

Comedy Having a joke for lunch



Natalie Gray delivers her standup routine to a large crowd at the Scotia Square food court Friday for Comedy for Lunch, an event of the Halifax Comedy Festival. The week-long event wrapped up Saturday.

Crash leaves one dead

ACCIDENT One person is dead and another was injured after an early Saturday morning single-vehicle accident in Shubenacadie.

Enfield RCMP Cpl. Andy Kerr said a 34-year-old woman from the Lantz area died in the incident that occurred about 2 a.m. on Highway 224. She was the passenger in the vehicle, but has not been identified yet.

The driver of the vehicle, an unidentified male, was taken to hospital in Halifax with undisclosed injuries.

The Enfield RCMP is investigating the accident.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

News in brief

INCIDENT Two male suspects are on the loose following an attempted robbery of a cab driver in South Bar early Saturday morning. The incident is still under investigation.

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Winnipeg lab involved in Mexico outbreak

Winnipeg's virology laboratory is playing a leading role in the swine flu outbreak that has been blamed for dozens of deaths in Mexico. The National Microbiology lab has found the 16 positive cases among specimens sent from Mexico for testing. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada/World

More swine flu cases likely: MP

All reported Canadian cases are mild, officials say

Canada reported its first confirmed cases of swine flu yesterday at opposite ends of the country, including two in British Columbia and four in Nova Scotia.

Health officials in both provinces said all the cases involved only mild illness, and the people either contracted the virus because they had recently travelled to Mexico or had contact with someone who had been there.

Even so, Canadian health officials urged people to take precautions such as frequent hand

washing and said they would take whatever actions are necessary to protect the public.

"The swine flu symptoms seen in Canada have thankfully been relatively mild and the patients are recovering," Canadian Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq told a media briefing. "As we continue to ramp up our surveillance efforts, these cases are likely not the last we'll see in Canada."

Ontario and Alberta both said they had no confirmed cases.

Millions of Mexicans

stayed indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed 103 people there and new infections in the United States fanned fears of a global swine flu pandemic.

Mexico is a popular winter vacation spot for Canadians, but there were signs this was being hurt. Air Canada said it was waiving the fees charged to people who want to delay trips to Mexico before the end of April.

Canadian border staff are trained to monitor travellers returning from Mexico for illness. **REUTERS**

Mexico City grinds to halt amid virus panic

OUTBREAK One of the world's biggest cities slowed to a snail's pace yesterday as millions in the Mexican capital hid indoors to avoid contracting a flu virus that has killed up to 103 people.

Most of the deaths caused by the virus have been in and around the capital, one of Latin America's most important centres of business, government, culture and tourism.

Bars and nightclubs were ordered shut for 10 days and on Saturday night streets usually packed with revellers were empty with improvised signs on the darkened windows advising revellers to stay away.

Some bars tried to skirt the requirements in order to let drinkers in, hiring medical personnel to take their temperatures outside and promising to turn away anyone with a fever.

The Mexican tradition of large family dinners on Sundays died hard, with restaurants still serving diners, some of whom wore facial surgical masks. **REUTERS**



A woman gets her throat checked for illness by medical personnel before entering a bar in Mexico City yesterday.

Nations raise their guard against flu

- Several major U.S. airlines are allowing customers to change travel plans to Mexico without any fee or penalty, but they said yesterday there had been no cancellations so far.

- A WHO official said Middle East countries should monitor visitors from the U.S. and Mexico, but it was not necessary to impose quarantine on all incoming travellers from there.

- The UAE was also considering banning pork products from Mexico and the U.S.

- Russia imposed curbs on meat imports from Mexico, a number of U.S. states and the Caribbean.

- Four people were being checked after arriving in France from Mexico with symptoms, and three people flying to Spain were hospitalized.

Talks in hostage situation break down

HOSTAGES Kidnappers holding two foreign aid workers in western Sudan's volatile Darfur region said Saturday talks with the government of neighbouring Chad had stalled.

Canadian Stephanie Joidon and Frenchwoman Claire Dubois were seized at gunpoint from their compound in the south Darfur settlement of Ed el Fursan April 4. Their kidnappers want Paris to retry members of Zou's Ark, a French humanitarian group, convicted but later pardoned over the abduction of children from Chad. **REUTERS**

PM's pal nets choice posting

POLITICS One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's oldest and closest friends has again been awarded a government posting amid charges of political cronyism. John Weissenberger, who was recently appointed to the three-year term with the Canada Foundation for Innovation, set off controversy when he was named chief of staff to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Diane Finley in 2007. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Toronto Khalsa Day parade



More than 70,000 people descended on Toronto to celebrate that city's annual Sikh Khalsa Day parade. The day celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by guru Gobind Singh.

Italian cruise ship foils pirates with guns, hose

NAIROBI An Italian cruise ship used guns and a firehose to beat off an attack by pirates off the east African coast, the vessel's captain said yesterday.

Pirates also freed a Yemeni-owned tanker, the Sea Princess II, a Kenyan official said yesterday.

Cmdr. Ciro Pinto of the MSC Melody, which has a capacity of 1,500 passengers and crew, said his ship was slightly damaged.

The ship came under attack when it was 960 kilometres off the Somali coast. Pinto said pistols

were handed out to security staff and they opened fire on the pirates, even spraying them with a water hose, when they tried to clamber up the sides of the ship with a ladder.

The pirates abandoned their efforts to board the ship, but still followed it for another 20 minutes.

Pirates also released a Yemeni-owned tanker yesterday. The vessel was seized Jan. 2 and was carrying petroleum products. It had 15 crew members, including eight Indian seamen. **REUTERS**

Sri Lanka rejects Tamil ceasefire

COLOMBO Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels declared a unilateral ceasefire yesterday, with the military having surrounded them in a tiny area along with thousands of civilians, but the move was immediately rejected by the government.

"That is a joke. They were not fighting with us, they were running from us. There is no need of a ceasefire. They must surrender. That is it," said Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The top UN humanitarian official John Holmes arrived in Sri Lanka Saturday amid rising pressure on the LTTE to surrender, and Sri Lanka to halt its offensive to wipe out a foe it has fought since 1983.

Tens of thousands of civilians remain trapped in a former army-declared no-fire zone that has become the final battleground in Asia's longest-running war. **REUTERS**

News in brief

DUBAI Al-Qaida's North African wing threatened yesterday to kill a British hostage if Britain did not release a held Jordanian Islamist, Sheikh Abu Qatada. The group issued a 20-day warning, after which they said they would kill the hostage.

BERLIN A proposal to give religion lessons the same status as ethics classes in city schools was defeated in a referendum yesterday, with only 14.1 per cent in favour. Secular ethics has been a compulsory topic in Berlin since 2006. **REUTERS**

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Drumroll, please. Anne's new hobby is ...

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The results of our Choose Anne A Hobby contest are in. I've received messages suggesting I try everything from motorcycle repair to mosaic making to Chinese calligraphy to duplicate bridge.

What I've learned this week is that Metro readers are interesting, smart and often hilarious and it's a darn shame my partner, Liz, says I'm not allowed to invite every one of you over for dinner.

I was encouraged by the number of readers who think I can be given pointy objects such as scissors and knitting needles without bad things happening. And everyone suggested I pick a hobby I'm passionate about. Unfortunately, eating uncooked cookie dough and sleeping late

aren't really hobbies.

The award for "most likely to land me in jail" was a tie. R.H. suggested cutting words from magazines and fashioning them into ransom notes as a fun, affordable hobby. R.H., I'll need your home address so I can pass it on to the ... um ... to some friends.

Another reader encouraged me to take up sketching, noting this is inexpensive if I "borrow" paper and pens from my employer. I'm a student minister. "Borrowing" office sup-

plies is not an option. Besides, they won't give me a key to the supply cupboard.

David from Vancouver suggested I start a blog to promote my books, but I'm not very comfortable with self-promotion. I would never announce, for example, that I have a new book coming out this fall (non-fiction humour, titled Parting Gifts: Notes On Loss, Love And Life, published by McArthur & Co. Please, please buy a copy and I'll clean your house). It's just not me.

Mary Kuipers voted that I paint rocks and place them around my flower garden. I like this. I could paint "No Squirrels Allowed," though "Squirrel Buffet" would be more accurate.

Ziggy in Toronto said her hobby is collecting free samples. Ziggy's scores include free cookies, spray mist, lotion, condoms and pairs of underwear. There's just no bad part of free underwear.

But a winner must be chosen. It is Colleen Kenney, who asked, "How

about dragon boating?" How about it, indeed? It's got "spunky urban warrior woman" written all over it. If not, the T-shirt I plan to get certainly will.

So, the prize of a Metro pen and chocolates goes to Colleen. Let's hope this doesn't change her. And my sincere thanks to you all. The only thing more fun than doing my new hobby may have been choosing it.

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Views

The season to pedal around Halifax

CleanBreak

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What do a penny-farthing, a folding, a recumbent, a BMX and a tandem have in common? They are all different types of bicycles.

This is the season to get your bike out if you haven't yet.

Before you jump on and pedal off here are some things to remember.

In Nova Scotia, it's re-

quired by law that you wear a helmet. Make sure your helmet fits, too. Your bike should also have a bell or horn, a white headlight, and a back red reflector.

Give your bike an A-B-C checkup before you start. Look for air in the tires, that the brakes are in order, and the chain is functioning. Ensure the seat is at the right height so you're in control, you have maximum torque, and you aren't putting excessive pressure on your knees.

When you are cycling remember the rules of the road. Ride on the right-hand side going the same direction as traffic.

Also, use hand signals when turning. For turning left, have your left arm extended out straight. For turning right, extend your left arm and angle your forearm vertically upward. To signal a stop, extend your left arm out and angle your forearm vertically downward.

Watch out for material on the road such as gravel and wet leaves, car doors opening, loose shoe laces that can wind around the pedal, loose pant legs that can get caught in your chain, and drainage grates that run parallel with the road.

I always ride my bike like

I run. Assume no one sees you, so making eye contact is important. If you are not comfortable changing lanes at an intersection you can always jump off your bike and walk it across as a pedestrian.

For more tips, check out the Nova Scotia government brochure Bicycle Safety.

HRM's Bike Week is the first week of June. More information is available on its website, along with the newest version of the city bike map.

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Going Green



Litter affects us all

A Toronto woman has begun a campaign in an attempt to resolve the country's litter problem. Benita Grist's message is simple: Litter affects all of us, even you.

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Share your green parenting tips

Meeting a baby's needs and being eco-friendly at the same time can be trying

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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Another Earth Day has come and gone. Well, we hope it hasn't gone in spirit.

We've been on hiatus and it kind of feels like we slept through Earth Day this year, although the reality is that we've barely slept at all. We deliberately try to maintain some personal distance in

these articles for objectivity, but the inspiration for this article (and the reason for the hiatus and sleepless nights) is highly personal. We've just welcomed our first child, a beautiful daughter, and we actually celebrated our Earth Day trying to fit an eight-pound infant into a 15-pound cloth diaper.

Looking into those big eyes peering out at us over the waistband of her diaper, we realized two things: 1) The cloth diaper would need a breathing hole; and 2) Earth Day and all that it represents suddenly means much more. It's easier to be blasé about future generations when they are not wearing your genes.

The irony, and I think other new parents may appreciate this, is that while we view a clean and healthy environment as her birthright, meeting her immediate needs can have the opposite effect, at least in the short term. Given that the breathing hole idea has not panned out, we are using disposables until her neck, at least, protrudes from the cloth diaper. Our trash output

for the past three weeks has been on par with the previous three months, and it is with a sense of shame that we haul it to the curb on trash days.

The other thing we've learned about babies is they like to be warm. We're a bit notorious for keeping the house cold all winter and hot in the summer. Somehow, we can't get her

to buy in. She just doesn't understand when we tell her to stop whining and put on a sweater.

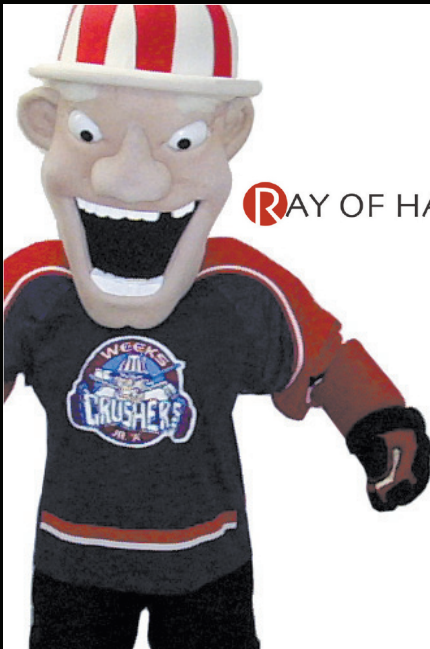
And babies mean laundry. Lots of laundry, which will only pick up once the disposable diapers can be disposed of. We now get why adult laundry soap comes in small bottles and baby laundry soap comes in huge bottles. It will be a banner day when she outweighs her laundry soap.

Of course, having a baby also means less travelling, less eating out, less watching TV and working on the computer (really, I'm not just playing games). So maybe it balances out, but we'd really like to be doing better for her world.

Anyway, the point of this article is not to complain, because although we are now zombies, there are no happier zombies anywhere. The purpose is to invite you to share some of your green parenting tips. It would be a big help to us, and we would love to share some ideas in a future column.

So tell us, what changes have you made to your lifestyle since having kids that cut down on energy use, laundry, trash output, etc. We'd love to know so we can stop hiding our trash in our neighbours' bins (just kidding, Gilmores).

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New California fuel rules may violate trade provisions: Lawyer

California's new low-carbon fuel rules may be a violation of NAFTA and World Trade Organization provisions because they would unfairly limit exports of crude from Canada's oilsands to the state, a prominent Canadian trade lawyer said on Friday. **REUTERS**

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Business

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The growth of film piracy

Leak of new Wolverine movie putting Hollywood on edge

The highly publicized leak of the yet-to-be released movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine on the Internet has shaken Hollywood, and some analysts say the theft represents the single biggest threat to the movie industry yet as it tries to survive in the digital age.

Unlike smaller productions that might have been pirated, this one cost more than \$130 million US, so studio executives are anxiously waiting to see what impact more than 100,000 downloads might have at the box office.

No one is more nervous about the new digital reality than Hollywood. Studio bosses are ramping up security for the slew of movies due this summer, including Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Star Trek.

Piracy has also become a huge issue in Canada, where people are three times as likely as Americans to buy counterfeit

Costs of piracy

• The Canadian Motion Pictures Distributors Association estimates that trade in counterfeit goods caused an annual loss to the industry of \$225 million in 2005 alone, with the Canadian government forgoing \$34 million in tax revenue.

goods, according to a 2007 Pollara survey for the anti-counterfeiting network lobby, with 40 per cent saying they knowingly purchased illegal products.

Still, despite the leak of Wolverine, things may not end up in disaster after all, said Charlie Keil, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto.

"The publicity might help push the movie into the news, where the one per cent of the population that hasn't heard of it might go see it," Keil said.

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Layoff rumours:

It's being rumoured in Pictou County that at least 22 people will be laid off at Northern Pulp, with some saying the cuts will come as early as May 3.

Deed transfer tax rising?

Colchester County and the Town of Truro are proposing to double the deed transfer tax charged to homebuyers from 0.5 to one per cent when they make a purchase.

Northside plant closing:

PharmEng International Inc., the parent company of Keata Pharma operations, announced the closure of its Northside plant Thursday.

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Smaller rivals eyeing TMX stronghold

MARKETS The reign of Toronto Stock Exchange operator TMX Group as Canada's dominant trading venue may be coming to an end as new rivals fight to capture some of its market share.

Experts say Canada's trading landscape could soon resemble that of the United States or Europe, where smaller alternative trading venues have proliferated at the expense of exchanges that once held an effective monopoly.

Last fall, Alpha Trading Systems caused a stir when it said it aimed to win a market share of about 20 per cent within its first year of business.

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Canada drops nine on Hungary

Martin St. Louis registered a hat trick as Canada opened its schedule at the IIHF World Hockey Championship with a 9-0 shellacking of Hungary yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Martin makes NFL history

Western lineman becomes first CIS underclassman ever taken in NFL draft

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

Vaughn Martin is looking forward to the next stage of his football career, one that has gone from the Canadian university level to the National Football League in only two years.

The San Diego Chargers selected the defensive lineman in the fourth round of the 2009 National Football League Draft yesterday. Martin, who played at the University of Western Ontario, opted to pass up his remaining three years of eligibility feeling he was ready to play professionally.

The 22-year-old Jamaican-born, London, Ont.,-raised product became the first-ever Canadian university-produced underclassman to be drafted, and the highest-drafted

player from a Canadian school since Mike Schadt went 23rd overall to the Rams from Queen's in 1986.

Chargers' director of college scouting John Spanos said on the club's website that the organization values Martin's raw talent.

"Obviously he played at a lower level of competition than the typical Division I college, but our guys loved how he showed flashes of dominance," Spanos said on the team's website. "He moves like a guy that is smaller. He has tremendous upside and his best football is ahead of him."

Martin said he is excited about the next stage of his football career.

"They said they would

start me out at right defensive end and then work my way to nose," Martin added on the Chargers' website. "I'm excited to play both positions and to play with the personnel they have. I have a lot to learn as far as technique."

"My quickness helped me with having to play a yard off, so playing a yard closer will be nice." Martin's agent, Hadley Engelhard, likes Martin's

upside.

"He's got some true talent, most of which has been untapped," Engelhard told Metro News. "When he gets to San Diego and learns the game, the ceiling is unlimited for him. Obviously they got a feel for him that he's a lot



Martin, right, was such a dominant force in CIS that he drew interest from more than a dozen NFL teams before being drafted by San Diego.

further along than people think. We weren't surprised where he went."

Martin recorded 62.5 defensive tackles, 4.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries in university and impressed NFL teams with his power and speed.

Engelhard said Martin could collect as much as \$750,000 U.S. in his first season alone combining base pay and a signing bonus.

Caps, Canes win; two Game 7's forced

STANLEY CUP
2009 Playoffs

Cam Ward made 28 saves for his third career playoff shutout, and Eric Staal scored twice as Carolina staved off elimination with a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series. Ray Whitney contributed a goal and three assists for the Hurricanes, who will face New Jersey in a deciding Game 7 tomorrow.

Capitals 5 N.Y. Rangers 3

Tom Poti notched a goal and three assists to register a playoff career high for points and rookie Simeon Varlamov made 29 saves, as the Washington Capitals posted a dominating 5-3 win against the Rangers in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal set. The Capitals evened the series at three games apiece and will look to complete a comeback from a 3-1 series deficit in tomorrow's Game 7.

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Henrik Lundqvist of the Rangers is beaten by Viktor Kozlov.

LeBron, Cavs complete sweep

NBA
2009 Playoffs

LeBron James' near triple-double helped the Cavaliers show Detroit, the premier Eastern Conference franchise over the past decade, a quick exit from the postseason, as Cleveland completed a sweep of the Pistons with a 99-78 triumph in Game 4 of their quarterfinal series.

Bulls 121 Celtics 118 (2OT)

Ben Gordon made a game-tying three-pointer



LeBron James breaks for a first-quarter dunk yesterday.

near the end of the first overtime and John Salmons provided two key free throws and a block down the stretch in the second, as Chicago evened its Eastern Conference quarterfinal se-

ries with a 121-118 double-OT win over Boston in Game 4.

Magic 84 76ers 81

Hedo Turkoglu drilled the game-winning three-pointer with 1.1 seconds remaining, helping the Magic even their Eastern Conference quarterfinals series with an 84-81 Game 4 triumph over the 76ers, the third game in the series to come down to the final possession.

For a recap of the Blazers/Rockets game, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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Sports in brief

QMJHL Former New York Islanders assistant coach Gerard Gallant is the new bench boss with the QMJHL's Saint John Sea Dogs. Gallant also spent three years as coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

NHL The New York Rangers want the NHL to discipline the Washington Capitals, saying poor security led to the confrontation between the coach and fans. Coach John Tortorella was given a one-game suspension for squirting water and tossing a water bottle into the crowd at Washington during Friday's 4-0 loss.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws

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Workology

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'Death midwife' helps ease grieving process

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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Death midwife Shelley Sherriff offers a cheaper, more personal and greener approach to death and grieving.

When Shelley Sherriff's father died back in the 1980s, she and her siblings were by his side in his hospital room. After he had passed, they found they didn't want to leave him. They stayed in the room all day, until finally the hospital asked them to go home.

"I wondered if there was another way," Sherriff, now 56, asked herself back then. Sherriff spent many of the last few years caring for her aging mother, who was in her 90s when she died. Again, the process after the death felt impersonal.

So, the website designer, who lives in both Victoria and Salt Spring Island, started doing some research. She discovered a so-called death midwife named Jerri Grace Lyons in California who both offered and taught others about offering at-home funeral services that could be both personalized and were environmentally friendly.

Over the last year, Sherriff visited Lyons and took

three of her training courses. Although it's not recognized by any official body, Sherriff was certified as a death midwife through Lyon's company Final Passages.

Now, Sherriff is hard at work setting up Walking You Home. When someone dies, the family can call her instead of a funeral home. She'll arrive and will help the family bathe and dress the body, which Sherriff says is often a very caring and meaningful experience. She can also provide a casket: Either one made of cardboard, or local pine that will biodegrade. (Many caskets are made from lacquered exotic hardwood with have metal parts on them and won't break down.) If they wish, the family can decorate the casket. "It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative

way," she says.

Using dry ice to preserve the body — formaldehyde is very expensive and it is said to cause cancer in funeral home staff and is not healthy for the environment once the body's in the ground — Sherriff can leave the body in her client's home for as long as three days. Then, the family can have a traditional funeral, or a ceremony of their own creation, all run by Sherriff.

While she's not yet open for business, Sherriff has been talking to people in her community and they've shown a lot of interest in her services, which are cheaper, more personal and greener than the customary approach to death today.

Sherriff's long-term goals will be to guide people through death full time. "This is where my real heart and passion are."

The Lowdown

Job title: Death midwife.
Salary: \$100 to \$1,200 per session.

Education/training: Courses through an established death midwife.

Best Part of the Job: "Facilitating people being able to have what can be a very meaningful experience that they would otherwise miss."

Worst Part of the Job: "Being compassionately open to people's grief, but not taking that on."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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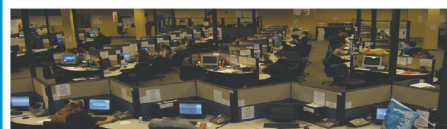
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Kutcher donates Twitter winnings

Entertainment



Wed again

As expected, Salma Hayek and her husband, Francois-Henri Pinault, held a lavish wedding ceremony in Venice, Italy, this weekend.

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Box office

- 1 Obsessed:**
\$28.5 million US
- 2 17 Again:**
\$11.7 million
- 3 Fighting:**
\$11.4 million
- 4 The Soloist:**
\$9.7 million
- 5 Earth:**
\$8.6 million
- 6 Monsters vs. Aliens:**
\$8.5 million
- 7 State of Play:**
\$6.9 million
- 8 Hannah Montana: The Movies:**
\$6.4 million
- 9 Fast & Furious:**
\$6.1 million
- 10 Crank: High Voltage:**
\$3.0 million REUTERS

M. Ward: Hold Time rocker

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Antiquated: not the word that immediately comes to mind when considering a chart-topping pop album. Yet it's the best means to describe the gracefulness of Newbury Park, Calif., native M. Ward and his sixth release, Hold Time (Merge Records).

There's a haunting familiarity to this folk-inspired singer/songwriter. Soft-spoken yet captivating, he mystifies and enraptures audiences with a velvety voice and smooth musical progressions that feel closer to orchestral movements performed by simplistic keyboards and guitars than a room full of classically-trained prodigies.



Folk-inspired singer/songwriter M. Ward recently released his sixth album, Hold Time.

Even Ward himself embraces the description. If Hold Time is antiquated,

he's done his job right.

"That's my biggest inspiration," he beams about ghosts of musicians past. "I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment. I try my best to keep things as new as possible but because I'm a fan of older music, I'm constantly getting reminders of little I know about every element of music. Hearing records from people like Django Reinhardt remind you of how much of a beginner you truly are."

Ward understands how unusual it is to be a 36-year-old independent folk musician with closer ties to the 1920s than the 2020s. Yet to him, writing and recording music today

"I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment."

M. Ward

has become disposable; so common that anyone with a computer and a spare half-hour can create the next big single. Moreover, those "artists" burn bright and fast but fade quickly. As with his heroes though, Ward's music is slowly beginning to outshine those supernovas. His increasing popularity continues to blossom, proving that substance still beats style.

"I ask myself why I like older music more than current music all the time," he confesses. "I think it might have to do with having a closer relationship to the music I listened to growing up before I knew what music was. Somehow with music in memory, childhood and spirituality, there are a lot of overlapping circles. For some reason, certain songs loom large in those areas. Most of those songs were not written by people like (one would find) today."

As music forges on deeper into the digital age, this audiophile clings tighter to his analog ways. He only allows in enough technology to commit his craft to tape, not to undertake it. While others may have forgotten music's rudiments, to Ward, they are still very real; very present. Maybe that's why we find him so enigmatic. "There are pluses and minuses to having recording capabilities in every person's bedroom," he says, humbly dismissing the notion. "It makes life easy for everyone to record but not for everyone to hear. For myself, it's not much of an issue because I still stay pretty focused on my inspiration and I never feel a great pressure to stay on top of whoever's on the cover of Spin. It's for my own pleasure. That's how I did it when I first started and nothing's changed."

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Obsessed lacking sex, thrills

Obsessed

Director: Steve Shill
Stars: Idris Elba, Beyoncé
Knowles
Classification: 14A
Rating: Ⓢ

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW For a movie that's being marketed as "this year's sexiest thriller," Obsessed certainly lacks some key components. Like sex and thrills for starters.

In fact, motivated characters, a sharper script and a consistent tone wouldn't have hurt the value of this so-called thriller either.

In the neutered Fatal Attraction wannabe, Idris El-



Beyoncé Knowles in Obsessed.

ba (RocknRolla) plays Derek Charles, a successful executive who suddenly finds himself the mark of an attractive office temp named Lisa (Ali Larter).

"I think you'll find I'm not your typical temp," she tells Derek — and boy, does she mean it. Soon, Lisa is seductively sidling

up to Derek at the office party, peeling off clothes in his parked car and sneaking into his hotel room. It would all be oh-so intriguing if Derek were tempted, but he's not — even though that aspect would've jacked up the drama exponentially.

Eventually, Obsessed does deliver what most fans may be anticipating — a saucy, over-the-top scrap between Larter and Knowles (I'm not spoiling anything — it's heavily featured in the trailer). But as entertaining as that campy sequence is, it doesn't fit the tone of the rest of the drama. It doesn't matter anyhow — you'll be deep into a catnap before the catfight even begins.

Drama in a drama

ABC's *Lost*, and one of its stars find themselves the target of a nasty lawsuit. A former employee of the show is suing over her claims that she was sexually harassed by actor Henry Ian Cusick and then fired for complaining about it, according to Fox News. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



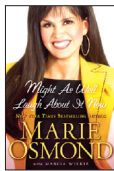
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Direct Red

Author: Gabriel Weston
Publisher: Bond Street Books
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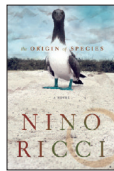
When one goes under the knife, anesthesia relieves having to feel the pain associated with serious surgery. But Gabriel Weston slices open this world unknown in *Direct Red*, her chronicle of life as a surgeon. The depiction begins with how an unlikely medical worker entered the profession after obtaining an unrelated arts degree. The story propels quickly with emotionally and physically graphic descriptions of what transpires when one is put under. Honest and direct, Weston shares her experiences to relay the challenging life of a surgeon and to unearth an insider medical world, once seen only by the profession's practitioners.



Might As Well Laugh About It Now

Author: Marie Osmond with Marcia Wilkie
Publisher: Penguin Canada
Price: \$31 (Hardcover)

For 46 years, Marie Osmond has lived her life in public. From the age of three, performing with The Osmond Brothers on *The Andy Williams Show*, she's had her share of the spotlight—but it's not always been glamorous. In this memoir, Osmond reviews the triumphs and blunders she's encountered along her journey through stardom. While at times mundane, like her shameless promotion of NutriSystem, Osmond does open up and offer candid reflections on her struggles with weight and juggling eight children.



The Origin of Species

Author: Nino Ricci
Publisher: Anchor Canada
Price: \$22 (Paperback)

Winner of the 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction, *The Origin of Species* is a fictional observation on the purpose of existence and the beauty of life. Toronto novelist Nino Ricci introduces protagonist Alex Fratarcangel, living in 1980s Montreal. The grad student is perturbed by his past relationships and the point of his life, leading him to seek a therapist. The therapy he receives and several influential characters with their own afflictions leads Alex to realize life lessons learned in years past that now become strikingly clear.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

Book Picks

Stripper stand-in at reunion earns comedy writer Hollywood fame

Comedy writer Andrea Wachner hated the idea of going to her 10-year high school reunion so much that she hired a stripper to go instead, and what followed, she says, was a comical study in human nature.

Her story is detailed in a nearly 40-minute documentary directed by Wachner that, because of issues surrounding its length and getting approval to show it from former classmates, may never be seen—not even by her parents.

But the 31-year-old Los Angeles resident said on Friday she hopes it will someday and even if not, Hollywood already has come knocking on her door. She has written a feature film script based on her story, is trying to sell a reality TV show from it, has appeared on cable news channel CNN, and is scheduled to be on ABC's morning chat show *Good Morning America*.

"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right," she told Reuters. "I

love the way it all turned out."

But some of her classmates don't. "There

have been a few people that were pretty vitriolic, and I have received some angry letters," she said.

In 1995, Wachner graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in an upscale Los Angeles-area neighborhood and never looked back. She left for New York City, where she attended New York University, graduating in 2000. When she received the invitation to attend her 10-year reunion, she said she would not have dreamed of going because she hated her years at the school, where BMW and Mercedes-Benz cars were prized possessions.

But Wachner did want to see how people would react if the self-described "drama geek" showed up a changed woman—a strip-

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Comedy writer
Andrea Wachner

per, no less.

So, she hired Amy Bernadette "Crick" Russell, whom she met at a Los Angeles strip club, to impersonate her. Crick showed up in a slinky

dress, fishnet hose and spike heels.

Judging from the film's promotional trailer, a few people may have been fooled and a few were not. Andrea—make that Crick—got one invitation for a private performance.

Wachner said she did not set out to embarrass or make fun of classmates. Rather, she wanted to see how they would react if their old stereotype of Wachner was turned upside down.

"I love taking things that exist in the world as given—things that are mainstream, notions that people take for granted—and making people re-think them," she said. **REUTERS**

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	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Engagement
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	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10 (HDTV)		Break
	52	52	52	RSE	Hockey Central	Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland.					MLB Baseball
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR		RaceNight			(10:15) WWE Monday Night Raw		
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	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Cashing In	Kink in Hair	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40	SLICE	The Mom Show		Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan *** (1982, Science Fiction)			My Wardrobe
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson (HDTV)			
	98	98	98	STAR	etalk	Hollywood	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		TMZ (N)	etalk	Living the Life	Look-A-Like
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Table for 12	Jon & Kate
	56	56	56	34 TROP	What Happen?		Vanity Insanity	Reality	Carlawood	E News	Ground Up	Smarter

critics' corner

The Fiddle and the Drum

That Joni Mitchell's got her hand in almost everything! Which isn't necessarily a bad thing, as illustrated by this performance piece. Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grande-Maitre and songwriter Mitchell got together and came up with a ballet set to her music and performed in front of shots of her artwork. Yes, she paints, too. Influencing Mitchell's music and art are her concerns about the environment and war. 8 PM on BRAVO

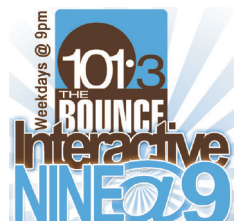


The Green, Green Grass

Sort of a British "Green Acres," this charming sitcom follows Aubrey "Boyce" Boyce (John Chalfis) and his family, who have fled London for the countryside after he helped put away some bad guys. In this episode, Boyce's wife, Mariene (Sue Holderness), wants to try her hand at country cooking and sends him to pick berries for a pie. While out, Boyce meets his neighbor, the intimidating Welshman Llewellyn (Alan David). 9 PM on V

The Agents

This reality series about Toronto-area real estate brokers was conceived as a very different show—all about bidding wars and big deals. Then the economy tanked, making for hard times in the home biz. The result is a far more interesting series, as the featured agents attempt to keep their heads above water. 11 PM on W



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Jon Bon Jovi revealed the secret to his lasting marriage to Dorothea Hurley: He's survived for almost two decades because he lives in fear of upsetting his spouse. "Let's get that right here, right now. I'm afraid of my wife," he confessed. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Celebrity Buzz

Spence and Heidi get married — again

MARRIAGE Heidi Montag is officially Mrs. Spencer Pratt, people.com reports. The Hills stars got married in an early evening ceremony at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday, People has confirmed.

Montag, 22, and Pratt, 25, exchanged vows before about 200 guests, including Audrina Patridge, Kristin Cavallari, Brody Jenner and Frankie Delgado.

The bride wore jewels from Neil Lane, including a

pear-shaped diamond floral necklace with multiple diamond chains layered over it, diamond earrings and diamond hairpins, which she picked out the day before the nuptials. Pratt borrowed a pair of diamond cufflinks from the jeweller for the big day.

Early Saturday, the couple arrived at the church in a white Rolls Royce Phantom. Before the ceremony, an airplane flew overhead and wrote "Spencer loves Heidi" in the sky. Pratt, looking dapper in a black

suit, smiled and signed autographs for fans outside the church.

Meanwhile, Montag posted multiple updates on Twitter throughout the day. "This is going to be the best day of my life," she wrote at one point. "Thank you God for Spencer." She also described her wedding dress as "amazing — like a swan princess."

After the ceremony, the newlyweds emerged and kissed on the church steps. Wedding guests

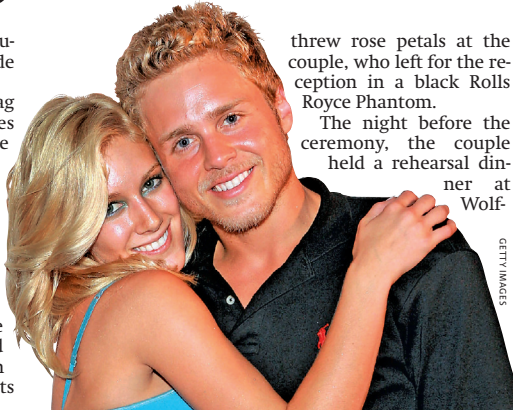
threw rose petals at the couple, who left for the reception in a black Rolls Royce Phantom.

The night before the ceremony, the couple held a rehearsal dinner at Wolf-

gang Puck's Beverly Hills restaurant Cut. The dinner included about 40 guests — and camera crews, which filmed the evening's events, including the couple's heartfelt toasts.

The wedding comes five months after the pair flew to Mexico for an impromptu ceremony. The Mexican celebration, which Pratt described at the time as having "margaritas, sunsets and beautiful settings," did not include family and friends.

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Miley's dilemma: Justin or Nick?

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus finds herself torn between boyfriend Justin Gaston and ex Nick Jonas, according to Gate-

crasher. "I think Miley and Nick are definitely in the process of rekindling their romance," a source says, spilling that Cyrus recently got close to Jonas on a visit to his home.

"Nick's parents have this rule that when a girl is over, the door has to be open, but that didn't stop Nick and Miley from making out."

Another source claims Jonas is pushing Cyrus to end things with Gaston before they go any further.

"She doesn't know how to tell Justin that they're over, but Nick is being very firm with her."

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Kristen and Robert a pair?

RUMOUR Another day, another rumour seemingly designed to set the Twilight-obsessed masses aquiver, wonderwall.msn.com reports.

Days after hinting that there's "something smoldering" between stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, E!'s Ted Casablanca claims they were spotted last weekend holding hands while perusing the aisles of a grocery store in Vancouver, where they're filming New Moon.

According to a spy, the pair paused in front of the tabloids and "giggled" over their

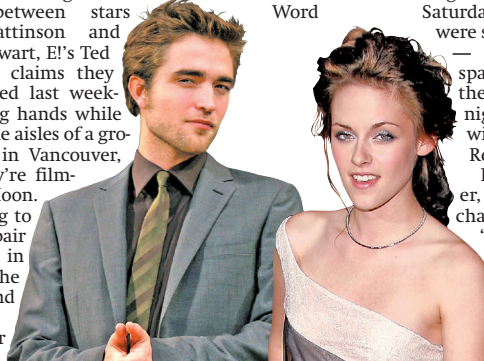
own headlines, which included Life & Style's cover story. "Twilight Heartbreak: A huge fight erupts as Robert ends his affair with Nikki Reed and turns to Kristen, the girl he can't have."

Word

is, once fellow shoppers noticed them and started gawking, the erstwhile Bella and Edward kept their digits to themselves. Still, the apparent grocery run wasn't the only weekend outing for the co-stars. On Saturday night, they were snapped together — with plenty of space between them — after a night on the town with castmate Reed.

Pattinson, however, laughs off the chatter as surreal. "It becomes a joke," he told Entertainment Tonight.

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Lindsay's weight loss a cry for help?

BREAKUP Lindsay Lohan has been getting dangerously thin, and her friends claim it's a cry for help after her breakup from Samantha Ronson.

"She is a self-destructive person," a source tells People magazine. "It's all part of her cry for attention."

She wants Sam to see how bad she's hurting

and she wants Hollywood to see her as a 'tortured artist' who is wasting away."

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John's new fling?

RUMOUR John Mayer is reportedly moving on from his romance with Jennifer Aniston — the musician has been linked to a 23-year-old aspiring actress, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Mayer and Aniston ended their on/off relationship last month following months of speculation about the state of their love affair.

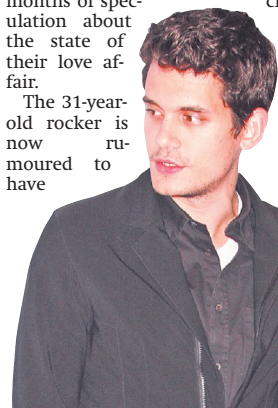
The 31-year-old rocker is now rumoured to have

found a new leading lady in part-time cocktail waitress Scheana Marie, who recently landed a small part in the Jonas Brothers upcoming Disney Channel TV show.

The pair met in 2008 while Marie was serving drinks at the Beverly Hills cigar club Grand Havana Room. A source tells people.com, "They've spent time together over the past few months. They're enjoying getting to know each other."

Marie admits knowing Mayer, but has refused to comment on rumours they are a couple, telling the website, "We're friends. He's a great guy. He's funny and sweet."

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Rihanna's bling brouhaha

LEGAL Four jewellers who lent Rihanna approximately \$1 million US worth of accessories the night of her alleged beating by Chris Brown want their bling back, people.com reports.

Since late March, Rihanna, 21, has been trying to recover the borrowed jewelry from the LAPD, who took the items into evidence in their investigation.

"Since there appears to

be no evidentiary value to the continued holding of this jewelry ... we respectfully (ask) the court to order the return of this property to (Rihanna) without further delay," her lawyer Donald Etra wrote in a court request filed earlier this week.

The items were described as two yellow metal hoop earrings with white stones; one yellow metal ring with white stones and green stones;

and two yellow metal rings with white stones.

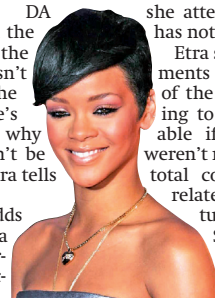
"If the DA doesn't need the items, and the LAPD doesn't need the items, there's no reason why they shouldn't be returned," Etra tells People.

A source adds that Rihanna also borrowed a Gucci

dress for the Feb. 7 Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Party she attended, which also has not been returned.

Etra states in the documents that the owners of the jewelry were going to hold Rihanna liable if the accessories weren't returned, with the total cost and damages related to their late return as more than \$1.4 million.

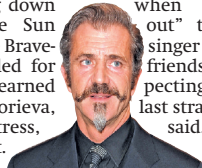
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Lovechild the last straw?

RUMOUR The divorce drama for Mel Gibson doesn't seem to be calming down anytime soon. The Sun now reports that the Braveheart star's wife filed for divorce when she learned that Oksana Grigorieva, his alleged mistress, might be pregnant.

Robyn Gibson "put up with Mel for years but when she found out" the Russian singer was telling friends she was expecting "was the last straw," a source said. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Brad learns to fly for fun?

PEOPLE Brad Pitt has found a new hobby — he's taking flying lessons, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

While girlfriend Angelina Jolie shoots Salt in New York, Pitt has been sneaking off to take to the skies. The actor was spotted last week

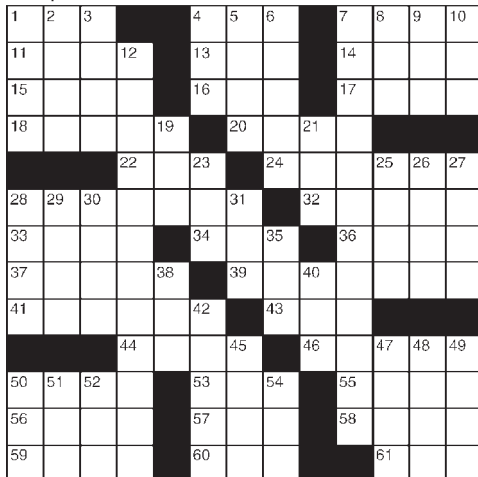
jumping into a small single engine plane for a lesson.

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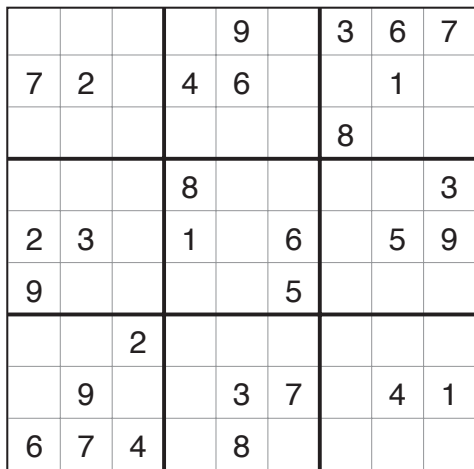
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



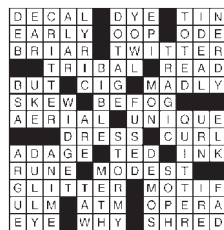
Crossword across

- 1 Proscribe
- 4 Pugilistic ploy
- 7 Greek salad ingredient
- 11 Venusian fleet?
- 13 Puncturing tool
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Creche trio
- 16 Sticky stuff
- 17 Ancient letter
- 18 Sub
- 20 Lummo
- 22 Afternoon affair
- 24 Soul
- 28 Watch the kids
- 32 Moral principle
- 33 Grad
- 34 Treasure seeker's aid
- 36 Long lunch?
- 37 Helvetica lack
- 39 Inhabitant
- 41 Anatomical rupture
- 43 Teensy
- 44 Pre-swam
- 46 Duck
- 50 Shock
- 53 Once around
- 55 "Zounds!"
- 56 Pennsylvania port
- 57 Have bills
- 58 Fax
- 59 Hotel furniture
- 60 Potent stick
- 61 Rotation duration

Crossword down

- 1 Ecdysiast's move
- 2 Somewhere out there
- 3 "Fuggedaboutit"
- 4 Binge
- 5 MP's quarry
- 6 High-arc baseball pitch
- 7 Ali Baba's foes
- 8 Flightless bird
- 9 Bronze component
- 10 Noshed on
- 12 Andy Rooney's show
- 19 Thumbs-up
- 21 Employ
- 23 Intention
- 25 At so-and-so's house (Fr.)
- 26 Take on
- 27 Greenspan's field (Abbr.)
- 28 Hit hard
- 29 Sheltered
- 30 "Ironsides" star
- 31 Slight amount
- 35 Church seat
- 38 Newton ingredient
- 40 Born
- 42 Apportion
- 45 Show boredom
- 47 On in years
- 48 Carvey or Delany
- 49 Vortex
- 50 Dubya's brother
- 51 Raw rock
- 52 Cover
- 54 Favourite

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



5	8	2	4	6	1	3	7	9
7	6	1	9	5	3	2	8	4
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius
 13-17 minScholar
 17-21 minSmart
 21-25 minNot bad
 25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Grilled Rosemary Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

8 sprigs of rosemary, each about 2 in. (5 cm) long
 8 large chicken thighs
 1 lb (450 g) new potatoes
 Salt and black pepper
 5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil
 2 large cloves garlic
 6 tbsp (90 ml) good-quality mayonnaise

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and boil water in kettle. Rinse and dry rosemary and insert sprig under the skin on each chicken thigh.
 2. Scrub potatoes, put into a pot, cover them with boiling water, and add a little salt. Bring back to boil and cook until tender, 15 minutes.
 3. Meanwhile, arrange chicken, skin-sides down, on grill rack. Brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and broil 10 minutes. Turn thighs, brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, season and cook 10 min-

utes more, until skin is golden and crisp. Turn off broiler, but leave chicken in oven to keep warm.
 4. While chicken is cooking, put remaining oil into small pot. Peel garlic, crush into oil and shake over moderate heat until just beginning to sizzle. Turn off heat. Beat in mayonnaise with 2 tbsp (25 ml) very hot water from kettle, then cover and keep warm.
 5. Drain potatoes, return to pot and crush with fork until roughly broken open and slightly flattened.
 6. Divide chicken thighs potatoes among 4 plates. Spoon over mayonnaise, sprinkle with black pepper, and serve.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Don't fool around with a bashful person. Uncertainty crops up about debts. Mechanical problems provoke harsh words.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Avoidable anxieties only waste your time. Shabby treatment leads to hurt feelings.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A newcomer's purpose will be revealed. Someone has a good financial move in the works. A handshake isn't as reassuring as a kiss.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A situation has to work itself out. An oracle doesn't see the whole picture. A flowery conversation proves to be inadequate.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Meet with the people who make the decisions. Someone's child needs more respect. An infatuation is getting to be outrageous.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

There's something you forgot to do. Shun a frustrating neighbour for the last time. The bearer of bad news gets unexpected guests.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You'll be in agreement with a plan. A friend is thrilled by unusual matchmaking. Don't tease a boaster who wins a prize.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Someone desperately wants something from you. Smile when confronted by an impolite person. Do not show disdain for anyone.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Humorous fanatics put an end to sentimentality. A renegade does a good deed. The loss of freedom drives you crazy.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Give your support only if a man responds to messages. A greedy woman is disgusting. Scandal breaks out after a public breakdown.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

When disgruntlement causes exhaustion — take a vacation. An obstacle contributes to a problem. A cruel person has revenge in mind.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

A strange event won't squander good moments. Don't try to correct any foolish choices. Explain messages to avoid breaking a heart.

WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE, and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Reimbursed housekeeper (1)
2. Betray Supreme's leader Diana (1)
3. Forbid entry to "Oz" lion Bert (1)
4. Paper fastener in a syrup tree (2)
5. Coven members' things to scratch (2)
6. Staggering backward sensation (2)
7. Seamon's mobile homes (2)

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